Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The motorcycle has been an important part of recreation, transportation, and tourism in South Dakota; and,

Whereas, The motorcycle has contributed to governmental activities nationally, as well as locally, both in wartime and peacetime; and,

Whereas, Motorcycle ownership has increased from 500,000 to over five million in the United States today; and,

Whereas, As a matter of safety, it is necessary to develop skills and awareness of proper habits to handle these vehicles on our highways; and,

Whereas, It is important the citizens of our state be aware of motorcycles on the highways and recognize the importance of sharing the roadway; and,

Whereas, Motorists should have a special awareness of the vulnerability of motorcyclists; and,

Whereas, Education and safe riding habits are worthy of special recognition, and South Dakota is one of the four safest states for riding motorcycles in the United States; and,

Whereas, Motorcycle Safety and Awareness weeks and months have been proclaimed in states throughout the nation; and,

Whereas, In the month of May, there is an annual renewal of motorcycling enthusiasm:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2005 as

MOTORCYCLE SAFETY & AWARENESS MONTH

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-fifth Day of January in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State